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# THE Daily Eastern News

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

Thursday, November 18, 1993

Eastern Illinois University  
Charleston, Ill. 61920  
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## NAFTA passes in House 234-200

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a hard-earned triumph for President Clinton, the House approved the North American Free Trade Agreement late Wednesday to fuse the United States, Mexico and Canada into a tariff-free zone. Republicans provided a majority of the votes.

The 234-200 vote sent the measure to the Senate, where leaders predicted approval within a few days.

The House voted after a daylong debate that reflected high-minded disagreements over America's role in the world economy and bare-knuckled politics. Dozens of labor-backed Democrats abandoned their president to oppose the accord. More than 100 free-trade Republicans signed on, though, to assure passage.

A cheer went up in the chamber when the vote count passed the 218 needed to approve the pact.

The House was packed

with lawmakers; the spectators' gallery that rings the chamber was filled to capacity.

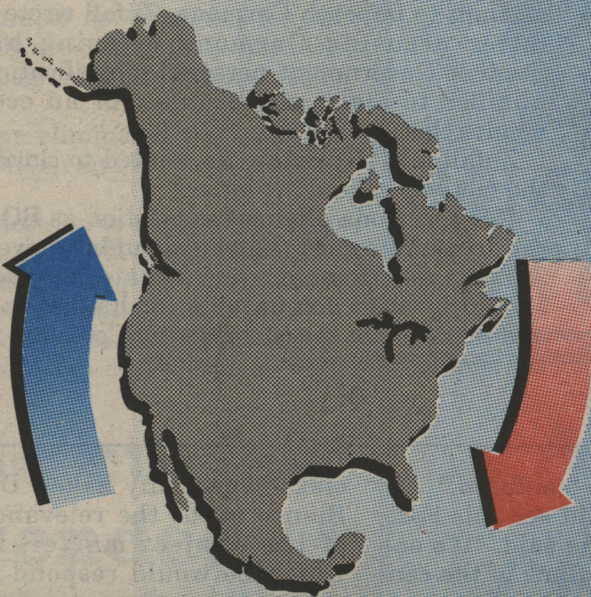
The House debate crackled, a reflection of high-minded disagreements over America's destiny and bare-knuckled politics that fractured traditional alliances.

"This is a debate between the future and clinging to the past," argued House GOP Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia, a supporter who said the measure ranked in importance with America's decisions to rebuild Europe and contain Communism after World War II.

Democratic Whip David Bonior of Michigan, leading the opposition, saw it differently.

"Are you on the side of the Fortune 500 or are you on the side of the unfortunate 500,000 who will lose their jobs?" he said. "It's not fair to ask Americans to compete against Mexican workers who earn \$1 an hour or

### How Illinois members of Congress stand on NAFTA



#### FOR NAFTA

Rep. Mel Reynolds, D-Chicago  
Rep. Phil Crane, R-Mount Prospect  
Rep. Dick Durbin, D-Springfield  
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less."

The accord would create a continental free-trade zone by gradually eliminating

tariffs over 15 years. All industries would be affected, from fruits and vegetables to banking and automobiles.

**CHRIS SOPRYCH**/Art director

Opponents vented their anger over concessions the administration made to line up votes.

## Student claims teacher strayed from class work

### Lewd comments not part of academic freedom, she said

By **CHRIS SEPER**  
Managing editor

One of the students who filed a sexual harassment complaint against a music professor said the teacher's comments were not protected under academic freedom, but instead were lewd and did not relate to the course.

The student, speaking under the condition of anonymity, said tenured professor Doug DiBianco often made sexual comparisons to Walt Disney films and Freudian interpretations, references to phallic symbols and crude sexual references in his nonwestern music class this summer.

According to the student, one of DiBianco's comments was, "I am sick and tired of people telling me what I can do with my penis."

"What relevance does that have to African music and Asian music?" she asked. "We were studying Kabuki theater. There was lots of material relevant to the course, but for several weeks there

was stuff that wasn't relevant to anything."

Reading from a prepared statement, DiBianco said the student's complaints are focused around a two-day period in the course when he spent time on the notion of ideology.

"Since the course is a cultural diversity course, I spent two days on the notion of ideology," DiBianco said. "This included a brief Freudian and feminist analysis of a few fairy tales and Disney films."

Affirmative Action Director Cynthia Nichols said Wednesday her office is continuing to investigate the case but would not comment on any specific action.

Other actions in class alleged by the student are:

- DiBianco passed out an article that said cartoon character Bugs Bunny represents a cross-dresser or a transsexual.

- He said in the motion picture "Pinocchio," Walt

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**ANDREW VERCOUTEREN**/staff photographer

### Fire alarm

A Charleston firefighter and two University Police officers investigate the sprinkler system after an alarm went off in the Doudna Fine Arts Center mechanical room Tuesday night. Officer Phil Lang (at right) said a fluctuation in the water pressure set off an alarm in the sprinkler system at 10:05 p.m. causing the fire alarm.

## Merits of merger discussed

By **TRACI WILLIAMS**  
Staff writer

Although the recent merger of WEIU-TV's News Scan broadcast and Mid-Illinois Newspapers Inc. may result in a lost hands-on opportunity for some students, several WEIU student workers told the Student Senate Wednesday that its results will pay off in the long run.

As a result of the newly formed partnership, students who anchored News Scan, WEIU-TV's

seven-minute local newscast, were replaced by reporters and editors of the Charleston Times-Courier and Mattoon Journal Gazette. Reporting assignments are being divided between students and newspaper employees.

However, WEIU-TV student producer Gerald

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## Merits

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Peck said the major gains for the station will be financial, with the merger bringing in much-needed underwriting dollars to replace outdated equipment. In addition, the station will eventually air News Scan 52 weeks a year. Previously, the broadcast did not air over school breaks and holidays.

Senate member Kevin Dwyer echoed the concerns of much of the rest of the senate when he said that "this whole thing is turning out to be a sellout, and the students are taking the bullet."

Ron Carmona, student representative to the Board of Governors, also questioned Mid-Illinois Newspapers' motivation in the merger. "Why is a private industry interested in this not-for-profit station?" he asked.

The student workers said that because News Scan covers 11 counties versus Mid-Illinois' seven, the newspapers gain additional territory for stories.

Tanya Koonce, who spoke on behalf of WEIU-TV workers, said that the merger was necessary because of limited financial and student resources.

"I was told by Susan Kaufman (news and public affairs director for WEIU-TV) today that we were in danger of losing the entire program because of financial difficulties," she said.

"Yes, this merger is definitely a loss for the

students. However, I'm afraid that if this hadn't happened we would have lost everything ... the whole program would have been axed."

Student workers voiced confidence in the merger's long-term benefits. More jobs are available for students than they originally thought, and they are still very involved in the production and writing aspects of News Scan.

"This is giving us the opportunity to put together the best stories we can," said WEIU-TV employee Keith Lipke.

The senate plans to continue investigation of the merger's possible effects because of lingering questions about lost educational opportunities.

Also appearing at Wednesday's senate meeting was graduate student Ryan Zufall, who was connected to last week's failed attempt to impeach Carmona. Zufall wrote a letter accusing Carmona of using his Student Government personal identification number to make photocopies for an economics class.

Zufall told the senate he wanted to clarify the motives behind his letter.

"Mr. Carmona did use his position as BOG rep to make copies that he shouldn't have," Zufall said. He said every senate member should be held accountable for his actions, and he does not regret reporting Carmona to the senate.

## Student

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Disney was demonstrating sexual attraction between Pinocchio and the carpenter, Gepetto, that Pinocchio's nose symbolized a penis and that every time the puppet lied it symbolized sexual stimulation of the organ.

• DiBianco discussed the movie "Pink Flamingos," which she said depicted anal sex and showed people rubbing feces on each other.

DiBianco said these actions were done during a portion of the class that dealt with ideology.

"I referred the students to a short new article on Bugs Bunny as a gay character," he said. "I also mentioned some radical art works so that students could have a context in which to place their judgments of nonwestern music."

Nonwestern music is a 3500-level, three-credit-hour course that studies folk and art music from Asia, Africa and South America.

DiBianco also said he thought the student's comment about "Pink Fla-

mingos" was "confused."

"She should see this radical movie," he said. "It's one of the great films of the century. I have the director's autograph."

The 1993 Video Movie Guide assigned the 1972 film an "X" rating because of nudity, violence and "very poor taste." It says the movie is meant to shock, and "If this doesn't, nothing will."

"What does that have to do with a music class?" the student asked. "This was a nonwestern music class, not a sexual psychology course. If he wanted to teach that, he should have made up the class."

The student also said she felt pressure to show up every day because students were given points for class attendance. She said she finished the course with a "B."

"Basically we were trapped within that classroom," she said. "He has his freedom, but we didn't have a choice."

She said members of the

class repeatedly asked DiBianco about the relevance of the subject matter, to which he would respond it was necessary to appreciate the arts.

The student also said DiBianco told the class he knew some students had complained to someone, but he wasn't worried because this had happened to him before and no action would be taken.

"He said that was why he was teaching at a university and not a high school - so he could state his opinion," she said.

DiBianco's statement did not address the student's other accusations.

A statement from the American Association of University Professors says professors are free to teach their subject but should be careful not to discuss controversial matter that is not related to the course.

DiBianco has maintained the students have infringed on his academic freedom by filing the complaint with the Affirmative Action Office.

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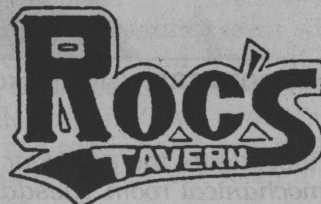
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## Articulated plan could be implemented soon

**By AMY CARNES**  
Administration editor

Parts of a revised version of the President's Council articulated plan could be implemented as early as next week, said Eastern President David Jorns.

The President's Council articulated plan outlines concrete goals the administration hopes to put into effect concerning the university.

The revision contains changes in the voluntarism objective and responsibilities delegated to a graduate studies administrator.

The President's Council formulated the revised plan based on recommendations it received from various campus governance bodies including the Faculty Senate, Council on Academic Affairs, Council on Graduate Studies, and Council on Teacher Education. A copy of the revised plan has been sent back to all of the bodies that submitted recommendations.

Eastern President David Jorns said there were no real surprises in the revision.

The original plan proposed a title change to associate vice president for graduate studies and extended services. This administrator's responsibilities would have included the following: faculty development, international affairs, the radio-television center, research and grants, school of graduate studies, school of adult and continuing education and distance learning, which is an interactive televised instruction

program used for urban and rural areas.

The revised plan splits these responsibilities between two administrators. Under the new plan, the dean of graduate school and research will oversee the coordinators of faculty development and international affairs.

International affairs will encompass students studying abroad, international student advisor, a faculty exchange program and English as a second language program.

Terry Weidner, associate vice president for academic affairs, who currently oversees the radio-television center and student publications, will also be responsible for distance learning and the school of adult and continuing education.

The original plan called for establishing a required volunteer course for graduation. The cost of providing an office of volunteer services to coordinate volunteer opportunities for students was originally set at \$125,000, which was to be paid for through grants, gifts and reallocated funds.

The revised plan eliminated the volunteer course recommendation and has no appropriated funds.

Jorns said the decision to change the volunteer portion of the plan was based on concern the President's Council received about the proposed course requirement and its cost.

Jorns said implementation of certain components in the revised plan could begin as early as next week.

Shed fire  
cause  
still not  
known

The cause of the fire that leveled a paint shed at a local construction company Tuesday afternoon is unknown, according to the chief of the Lincoln Fire Protection District.

Fire Chief Don Madlem said the amount of damage to the shed was so great; that fire officials are unable to determine the cause of the blaze.

Bill Gilbert, the last person inside the shed before the 11:50 a.m. fire, speculated the blaze could have been started because of electrical problems.

Gilbert said he didn't notice anything unusual in the building before he went to lunch.

Gilbert said shortly after he left the paint shed, which contained flammable building supplies, it exploded.

-Staff report

# Alcohol-sale curfew may be extended

**By NATALIE GOTT**  
Staff writer

After the Charleston Alcohol Task Force meets today, local taverns could be one step closer to having the option of selling alcoholic beverages until 1:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The task force will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the University Union.

Luke Neumann, student body president and task force member, is expected to propose an extension of the current 1 a.m. alcohol-sale curfew by 30 minutes on weekend nights.

Neumann said he is submitting the proposal on behalf of the task force's sub-committee. The subcommittee was established by the task force to suggest possible revisions to the liquor code.

Dana Wulff, graduate assistant to the task force and subcommittee member, said the alcohol-sale extension would make Charleston comparable with other Illinois college towns where the weekend sale of alcohol is permitted after 1 a.m.

If the alcohol-sale curfew extension wins support from the alcohol task force, it will be sent to the Charleston City Council for further consideration.

Also, the task force is also scheduled to vote on the revision of the Class F liquor license classification.

Representatives from Charleston's Osco Drug Store approached the task force several weeks ago about plans to extend Charleston's Osco and eliminate the wall separating the main store from the liquor store.


The Class F liquor license permits the sale of alcohol in a drug or grocery store as long as it is conducted in a room separate from the main store.

Robert Yontz, a local clergyman, said at an earlier meeting many members of his congregation would not shop at a store where liquor is sold in an open area.



Vice President for Student Affairs and Task Force Chairman Lou Hencken said today's meeting will be very important because it will be the first time the task force will vote on an issue since summer.

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# OPINION

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1993

## BOG should rethink cutting of programs

Despite protests from the Board of Governors and the university, three of Eastern's programs remain on the chopping block.

At a Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting in Chicago last week, the IBHE recommended eliminating a total of 29 programs at Illinois state universities. These programs include an Eastern bachelor's of arts in German, a master's in Business Administration and a master's of science in Technology.

The fate of the three programs will be decided by the Board Of Governors in June or July.

Last year at this time, the IBHE recommended 190 programs at 12 state universities for elimination as part of its Priorities, Quality and Productivity Initiative. The PQP Initiative is targeted at cutting wasteful spending by universities.

The BOG was given a one-year period to prove these programs should not be eliminated. Based on this, the IBHE narrowed its recommended eliminations from 190 to 29.

The IBHE has declared the programs economically and educationally unjustified. It has said the master's in Business Administration should be eliminated because of its high costs and because it does not fit Eastern's mission, which is primarily undergraduate programs. It has said Eastern has inadequate resources to maintain the master's of science in Technology degree.

BOG Spokeswoman Michelle Brazell agreed the programs have some flaws, but said she this does not mean they should be eliminated.

The BOG would be wise to consider that logic. It will be doing Eastern students a great disservice if it takes their programs away without giving them more time to prove themselves.

A one-year period is hardly long enough to prove a program's worthiness or substantially boost its enrollment. The BOG should not be so hasty and allow the programs time to prove themselves.

## TODAY'S QUOTE

Haste in every business brings failures.

Herodotus

## Eastern's RHA is a hidden resource

One of the best kept secrets on Eastern's campus is the Residence Hall Association.

RHA is the largest non-greek organization here at Eastern. It is a student-run organization whose purpose is to deal with matters of mutual interest to the member halls, coordinate joint activities with the member halls and act as a joint governing body for the halls.

The organization also makes recommendations to the university's Housing Office about policies and procedures, acting as a liaison between the administration and the residents.

Along with all of these duties, RHA sponsors many activities throughout the year. It sponsors Panther Pals, the annual Haunted House, Lip Sync/Talent Show, Little People's Weekend, Hollywood Squares and many more quality programs.

This semester, RHA's executive board has offered the group a diverse combination of leadership. Beth Livengood currently serves as the National Communications Coordinator for RHA organizations across the country and is running for a regional position. Treasurer Bill Blanck and Secretary Kasey Kline, both seniors, offer a strong sense of stability to the group. Carrie Braga, a sophomore, serves as vice president of the organization. Braga is an example of the strong leadership skills that RHA instills in its new members.

Kris Potrafka is the current president of RHA. He feels that a family atmosphere at the meetings has produced a strong attachment to the organization, which in turn has produced loyalty.

Potrafka, only a sophomore, has had to fill some



John S. Kohl

*"Unity has made Eastern's RHA a nationally recognized organization."*

pretty big shoes. Former RHA President Rich Ruscitti was a very popular president who brought the organization many regional awards.

Because of his youth, coupled with his broad experiences within the organization, Potrafka feels that he is able to see change and adapt to it.

Potrafka credits the RHA's executive board with much of the group's success. "I

have a great executive board. It makes my job so much easier when I know I have a dedicated group of people working with me and for the betterment of the group."

It is this unity that has made Eastern's RHA a nationally recognized organization.

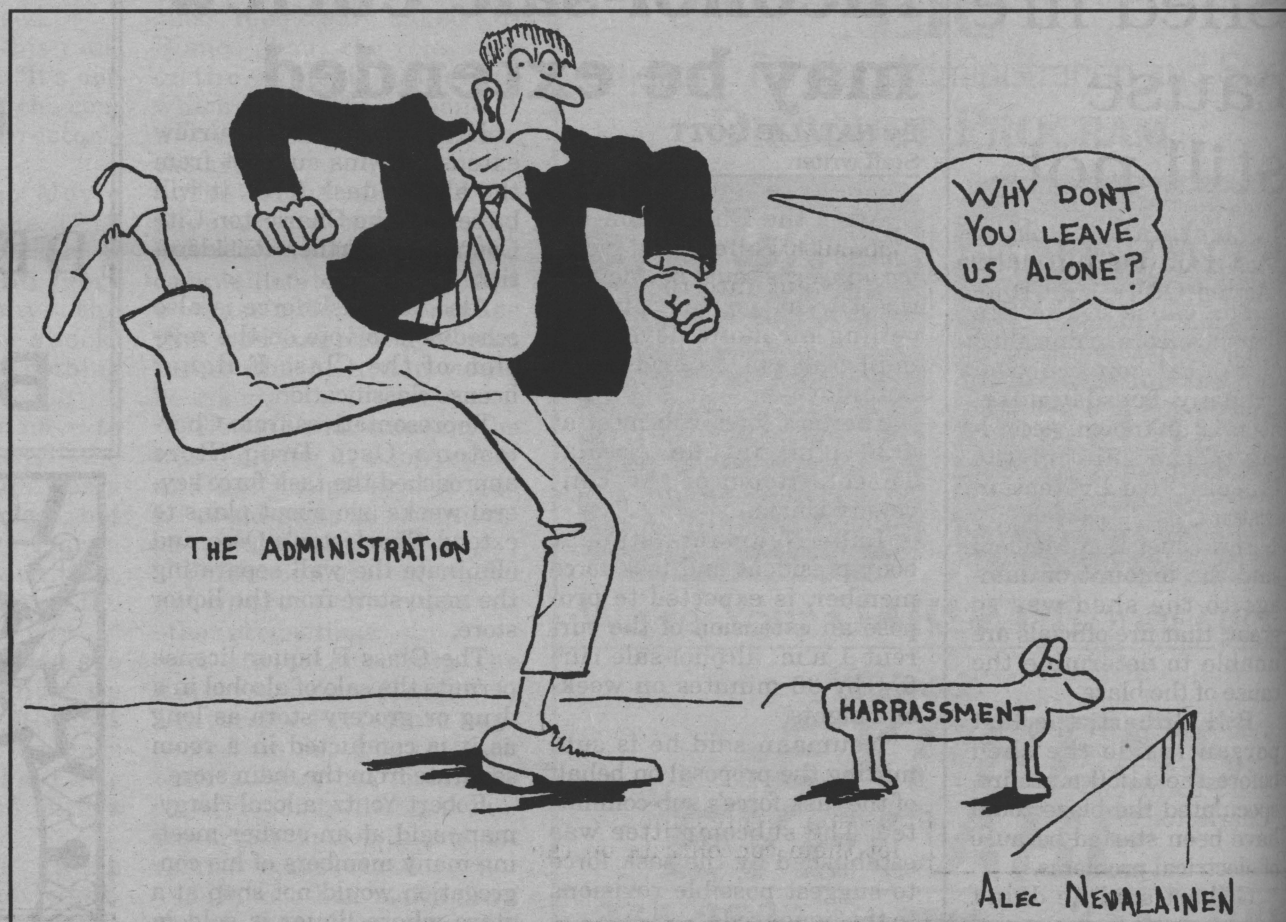
What exactly does this organization do for its members? According to Ryan Zufall, a past RHA president, "It's an organization that lets one grow both responsibly and socially - a real learning experience."

This ability to grow at one's own pace develops personal style without the pressures to conform. This spirited group tries to make resident hall life as pleasant as possible. It looks into concerns of the halls and improve the attitudes about the halls. This RHA represents the best of resident hall life.

If you care to see what RHA is all about, don't hesitate to get in touch with one of the executive members or contact any of the hall counselors. They meet every Thursday at 5 p.m.

I invite you to see how this hidden resource can work for you.

*-John Kohl is a member of the Student Senate and a guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News.*



## Black baby carriage in parade had no hidden meaning

Dear editor:

I am compelled to respond to Allen and Kathy Bryant's Nov. 5 diatribe.

I am a member of the Health Care Options Planning Committee, a group of Coles County residents committed to increasing access to high quality, low-cost reproductive health care for the residents of the county. We approached Planned Parenthood because the mission statement of Planned Parenthood reflects the group's mission.

Our group marched in the Homecoming Parade, as did many other groups who advocate various religious or political causes. Our message, however, was far from "death to your children." This statement is absurd, at best. Some of the people who marched in the parade are moth-

## Your turn

ers and fathers; they love their children and their neighbors' children.

This is why we are working to provide the community with medical services such as pelvic exams, Pap tests, screening and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, contraceptive services and supplies, pregnancy testing, HIV testing and counseling and mid-life services - all provided in an atmosphere that assures privacy and respect. This health center will receive no government subsidies, but will rely only on patient fees on a sliding scale and community support.

We have a lot of community support, and fortunately, we don't need to lean on fallacious arguments to validate our cause. The Bryants assert in essence that because Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, was an evil woman, Planned

Parenthood is an evil organization. This is similar to arguing that because Thomas Jefferson owned slaves, democracy is impossible.

The Bryants also focused their remarks on the black baby carriage we pushed in the parade, calling it a "hearse" - a symbol of death.

Give me a break. In 1949, when my husband's mother bought that carriage for her first son, I doubt that she saw it as a death coach; moreover, I doubt she found blue or pink or red (a symbol of unbridled passion?) baby buggies in a department store in Missoula, Montana. Black was the only color option, just as for years, it was the only color available for Fords.

When my husband and I dusted off that beautiful, durable pram almost three years ago for our infant son, it simply didn't occur to us that anyone would stretch so far for a metaphor.

Laura Devon Flesor



# Sexism forum tonight

By **ANDY PURCELL**  
Campus editor

A forum dealing with the growing problem of sexism will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in the Taylor Hall lobby.

"Attitude and Actions: Women, Men and Sexism" will be an educational program dealing with how sexist ideas and attitudes develop and how they often give rise to sexual harassment and sexual assault, said Jeff Waldhoff, a residence hall assistant in Taylor.

"People need to realize that sexual harassment really does happen," Waldhoff said. "Lately, it's been a hot issue on campus because of the recent allegations against the music professor (Doug DiBianco) and last year's (Janet) Francis-Larabee/(Efraim) Turban case."

DiBianco is currently facing a sexual harassment complaint for allegedly making sexually explicit comments in class. Francis-Larabee recently settled with the university after a sexual harassment suit against Turban.

Cynthia Nichols, director of the Affirmative Action Office, and Diane Zuhone, a member of the Judicial Affairs Office, will answer questions about and discuss university procedures about sexual harassment and sexual assault.

"The only way we learn is to hear about things," Zuhone said. "The more people we can inform the better off we are."

Waldhoff said the program will begin with a videotape provided by the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service of Charleston.

# WEIU-TV staffers support merger

By **BRIAN HUCHEL**  
Staff writer

Despite concerns from Faculty and Student senators that a new media venture with the campus broadcast station and local newspapers hurts broadcast students' education, student workers at WEIU-TV are optimistic that the merger will prove beneficial to all in the long run.

Last week, WEIU-TV and Mid-Illinois Newspapers entered a joint-venture.

The venture involves the production of "Mid-Illinois News Scan," a 7-minute program covering East-Central Illinois news.

The program is anchored by staff members of the Charleston Times-Courier and Mattoon Journal-Gazette — something formerly done by Eastern students.

Gary Babbitt and Janet Erdman, student producers for WEIU-TV, both said the program will still assist students with other aspects of broadcasting besides anchoring.

"I think it is a good thing," Babbitt said. "We are not losing our education. The students still report, edit, write and produce the show. Just because we're not anchoring does not mean we will not get a job out of college."

"I went into the venture with an optimistic outlook," Erdman said. "It is little negative that students can't anchor, but we can still write or produce."

Sue Kaufman, news and public affairs director, said the merger gives students the opportunity to work with professional journalists.

"I got the idea from talking with a director involved with a similar program in Rockford," Kaufman said. "This will give students the opportunity to work with trained professionals and let them concentrate on the

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—*Sue Kaufman*  
News and public affairs director

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Lillian Marks, a student reporter, said she does not like the venture, but realizes its importance to WEIU-TV.

"We have limited resources right now," Marks said. "(The joint venture) will bring in money necessary to improve our equipment. I think the future of the venture could hold a lot of good things."

"The students will be able to work closer with (local journalists) as the months go by."

Despite premiering only a week ago, students at the station say although some problems are still evident, they think the program's anchors are doing rather well.

"Things right now are a little shaky because the show just started," Erdman said. "The program will improve once we are able to provide them with a teleprompter."

"So far they are doing a good job anchoring," Babbitt said. "This is a big change for them."

"I have worked on a newspaper in the past and there is a big difference between print and broadcast media."

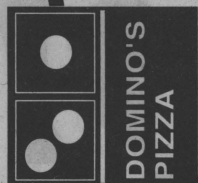
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# Bar alternative may close

By DAWN STEVENSON  
Staff writer

The first bar alternative since Mayor Dan Cougill took office is called Capone's, which is open and operating on 18th street but may be closed down if the owners don't obtain a machine license by Friday.

Mike Bickers, owner of Panthers Lounge, 1415 Fourth St., who owns and rents the 18th Street building, said that Michelle Davis, a Mattoon resident, is currently renting the space from him and running the teen club.

Bickers said Capone's has been open for approximately three weeks, however Cougill said the facility opened Friday and cannot reopen until it obtains a machine license. Its hours are 7 to 11 p.m. every Friday and Saturday.

Cougill said he contacted Bickers to find out if he had a license for the establishment's

coin-operated machinery. According to Cougill, Bickers didn't have the required licenses and still needed to buy them before re-opening. The licenses cost \$25 per coin-operated machine.

Bickers said Wednesday he had not bought the licenses, but intends to do so by Friday.

Bickers said the club has pool tables, a dance floor, a D.J. and game tables. He said a band is scheduled to play this weekend.

"If it is run right and operated in a right manner, I think it could be a step in the right direction for Charleston," Cougill said. "If it benefits teens in a healthy manner, it may be good place for them to vent their energies."

Originally Bickers applied for a transfer of the liquor license from his old bar, Jokers, which is now out of business, to the building that the teen club is now in. The

liquor advisory commission turned down the request to transfer the license earlier this year because it is too close to Charleston High School and would have violated an Illinois statute that restricts the sale of liquor near a school.

Cougill said as long as Capone's is at that location, it will never have a liquor license.

Bickers said he is considering serving coffee at the club in response to the Mayor's suggestion.

The News was unable to contact Michelle Davis, Capone's manager, on Wednesday.

Bickers said he has had difficulty contacting her, and he is currently seeking new management.

He said there has not been a grand opening but there may be one at the beginning of the year.

# Eastern helps defect program

By ADAM McHUGH  
Activities editor

More than 25 student organizations and administrators are combining their efforts Friday to help raise money for the March of Dimes Birth Defect Foundation in support of the "Blue Jeans for Babies" program.

"Blue Jeans for Babies" buttons will be on sale for \$2 each around campus.

Organizations participating in the day will also wear the group's official letters and blue jeans in support of the program.

Matt Giordano, campus coordinator for the program and a member of the March of Dimes Collegiate Board, said this year's goal is to raise

about \$1,000 Friday.

"Our goal this year was minimal because the biggest goal is to create awareness of the different programs of the March of Dimes," Giordano said.

The program, which is in its third year, is an attempt at raising money for babies who had a low birth weight or some kind of birth defect. The March of Dimes Birth Defect Foundation raises money for the prevention of birth defects and infant mortality through community service, advocacy, research and education.

"Whatever comes out of this fund-raiser, the most important issue is student and administration awareness in the program," Giordano said.



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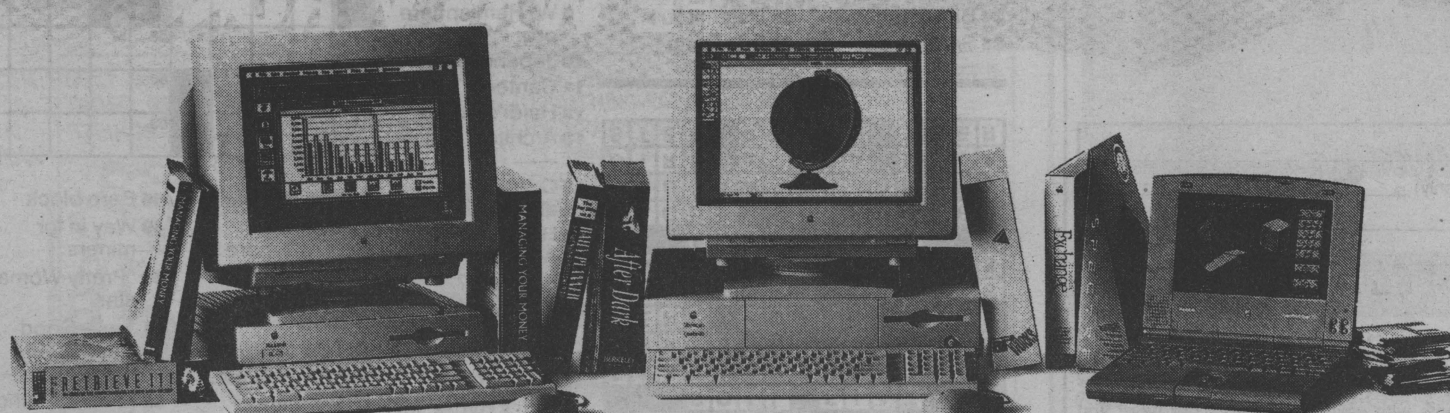
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# Lady Crusaders look to continue running a high powered offense

Editor's note: This is the sixth part in a nine-part series previewing Eastern's women's basketball team's Mid-Continent Conference opponents.

By ANTHONY NASELLA  
Staff writer

The Valparaiso women's basketball team received a big blow when last season's Mid-Continent Conference Player of the Year Debbie Bolen graduated in May, leaving a void of over 20 points per game.

But even without Bolen, head coach Dave Wolter — who has nine returning players and six freshmen — is more than ready carry on the with the "system" style of offense that made the Lady Crusaders the nations number one team in scoring last season.

"The points we score will only be the byproduct of the



**Players to watch**

| Player             | Yr. | Pos. |
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| Shari Toelke       | Sr. | G    |
| Carrie Forsman     | So. | F    |
| Michelle Russell   | Jr. | G    |
| Sarah Schmoeyer    | So. | G    |
| Heidi Diefenthaler | So. | F    |

**Preseason coaches poll:** 3rd  
**Last year's record:** 15-12  
**Conference:** 10-6 (4th)

pace, which will be relentless," said Wolter of the "system". "I feel we have the capability to use the good speed we have to better control the tempo and pace of each game. I feel good about this team. They are a real cohesive unit.

"And the players we have didn't come here to be cad-

dies," he said. "They came ready to play."

No doubt the returning players and newcomers alike will have to work hard and pick up the slack left by Bolen, who finished as the school's all-time leading scorer with 2,008 points, and Cheryl Wilbrandt (14.9 ppg).

"Debbie was a great player and can never be replaced," Wolter said. "We relied on her a lot. But this year's roster has many players that can take on big responsibilities."

Leading the cast of players that will be looking to help the Lady Crusaders improve on last seasons 15-12 mark, 10-6 in the conference, be will be Shari Toelke, the teams lone senior. Last season Toelke averaged 12.6 points per game and 5.6 rebounds, both good for third on the team.

"She has done an outstanding job of providing leadership and perspective to the younger players," Wolter said. "She is already a valuable asset to this team."

Other returning players looking to figure in are junior Michelle Russell (11.5 ppg), sophomore Carrie Forsman (10.2) and sophomore Sarah Schmoeyer (7.1 ppg).

Leading the charge for the freshman will be Alicia Burns, Michelle Georgi, Kristin Netemeyer and Nickie Sparks.

"I see our youth as an advantage," he said. "We possess a variety of skills. I think the freshman players will have an immediate impact on the team."

"This is our most enthusiastic and close-knit team we've ever had. We are anxious to see what it will look like."

## Salukis

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senior linebacker Jim Murphy, freshman linebacker Tommy Anderson and running back Melvin Dukes have all been among the wounded at some time this season.

To add insult to injury, Smith said Jones developed kidney stones just before last Saturday's 49-7 loss at Northern Iowa causing him to miss the

last two games of the season.

Smith has platooned Jones and David Pierson at quarterback all season. Both are junior transfer students, and both have started five of the Salukis' first 10 games.

"We just kind of went with the person who was hot at the time," Smith said. "Both have had a number of starts, but the fact remains that this is the first year for both of them to be a starter at

the four-year college level.

"So inexperience will show at times, but they're both quality quarterbacks."

Smith also cited his team's schedule with three Division I-A opponents and four road trips among the first five games as other factors contributing to his team's rocky season.

"We've had some tough injury luck this year, and a tough early schedule which probably contributed to that."



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# Mid-Con

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One question that arises out of the proposal is the number of automatic bids to the NCAA national basketball tournament that would be awarded to the conferences.

"If we were to give the impression (to the NCAA) that we are one conference, we're going to end up with one automatic bid in basketball," Ryan said. "By maintaining the fact that we are two distinct conferences, we'll have two automatic bids."

The next step for the Mid-Con is to make contact with the Midwestern Collegiate and arrange a meeting between the chief executive officers for the conferences. No date has been set at this time but Ryan said he expects it to take place within the next two weeks.

However there are some Mid-Con representatives who feel the proposal will not succeed because of lack of interest from the Midwestern Collegiate.

Dann Spielmann, athletic director at Wisconsin-Green Bay thinks the plan is a long shot to go through.

"All along we've been supportive of the idea of a merger or association between the two conferences," Spielmann said. "But I don't know if it's a possibility. I'm not sure the other conference is interested - it takes two to tango."

Ryan echoed Spielmann's comments saying if the Midwestern Collegiate was interested in the merger, it would have tried to do it first before pursuing the five Mid-Con schools on an individual basis.

"My gut reaction is if they were willing to pluck off selected members of our conference in the first place, to me the first logical step would have been what we're doing now," Ryan said. "In that scenario I would be somewhat surprised if they show some interest."

However, Ippoliti told the Mid-Con schools that if the proposal was rejected, he had some

alternate plans. He did not explain what the alternatives might be and was unavailable for comment Wednesday afternoon.

Ryan said if the plan meets with a favorable response from the Midwestern Collegiate, the next step would be for individual institutions to discuss it on their own campuses. But if the answer is no, the members of Mid-Con have pledged to hold another tele-conference at which time the alternate plans will be discussed.

Some other schools were pleased that the conference was making an effort to prevent a mass exodus from the Mid-Con. Wisconsin-Green Bay, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Northern Illinois, Cleveland State and Wright State were the schools that met with the Midwestern Collegiate Tuesday to explore a possible move.

"I was pleased with the proposal because it's a plan to help those of us being left behind. It bought us some time," Valparaiso Athletic Director William Steinbrecher said. "It's a good idea so none of the schools get hurt."

Ryan said he thought it was positive that the league has a viable solution to the problem but said he "felt a negative verbal tone from one or two institutions."

"They didn't say 'no' to anything, but I just didn't feel one or two of them were particularly interested," Ryan said.

The Mid-Con did not address the status of Missouri-Kansas City which is looking to join either conference.

"We didn't want to muddy the waters at the immediate time by talking about Missouri-Kansas City," Ryan said. "So right now they are on the back burner. My personal feeling on that is if the two conferences merge, then they call Kansas City and say 'OK here's the way things look right now, are you interested?' If the not, then I suspect some of the alternate plans Jerry (Ippoliti) has in mind involve Kansas City."

# Leib

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Leib said. "We've got to play hard every game, in and out. We can't let up. If everybody just keeps working hard, we'll do a lot better."

"There were times last year when we went on a road trip and everybody wasn't in the right mind frame and didn't play hard, and we got embarrassed in some games. If we just keep working hard every game, then I think we should be pretty good."

Last year, Leib started the first 13 games at center for the Panthers before giving

way to junior Andre Rodriguez. Leib was effective coming off the bench as the team's sixth man, averaging 8.2 ppg on 57 percent shooting.

As for this season, Leib would like to start, but realizes that the team comes first.

"I don't mind (coming off the bench)," said Leib. "I don't know what's going on right now, but if I start, that's great. If I don't, then I'll still give 100 percent."

Leib wasn't completely pleased with his game last year, but feels that his teammates will help to keep him on track this season.

"I definitely want to improve from last year," said Leib. "Last year I was not real happy with my play and I just wasn't real happy with the way the season turned out. I need to rebound more, I'd like to score a few more points."

"I don't want to be a ball hog by any means, but I think I can score a couple more points than I did last year. And I've got all my teammates looking for me. Louis Jordan is doing a good job passing, and Derrick Landrus is passing real well. We're playing as a team this year and it feels real good so far."

# Spoo

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the lineup. Mauch was six of 13 passing for 59 yards and a touchdown.

The Panthers took a blow on their defensive line Tuesday when junior end Kevin Zeng injured his foot.

Spoo said that Zeng, who won the Gateway Conference Defensive Player of the Week award earlier this season, will not play Saturday against the Salukis.

"It doesn't look good for Kevin," said Spoo. "We'll miss him for sure, but Chris

Wilkerson is back, so that is a plus."

Zeng, a native of Glen Ellyn, is fourth on the team in tackles with 56 and leads the team in quarterback sacks with eight. He has played in nine of the Panthers' 10 games and has started five.

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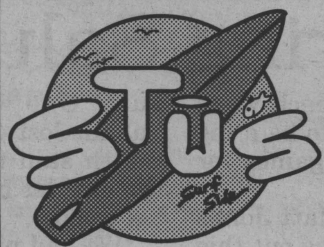


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## Mid-Con/MCC merger considered

By RYAN GIUSTI  
Sports editor

With serious discussion about schools leaving the Mid-Continent Conference surfacing this week, the league took a step Wednesday to try and prevent such a move.

Representatives from the 10 Mid-Con schools and commissioner Jerry Ippoliti held a tele-conference Wednesday morning to discuss a plan at keeping the Mid-Con intact by creating an association with the Midwestern Collegiate

Conference.

But did the Mid-Con dodge the bullet on this issue?

"They might have slowed the bullet down," Eastern Athletic Director Mike Ryan said.

The plan, which was created by Mid-Con officials, calls for a "merger" of the two conferences. This comes on the heels of a Tuesday meeting in which the Midwestern Collegiate talked to five Mid-Con schools about joining the remaining members in its league.

Ryan, who will resign as athletic

director Dec. 1, said the plan calls for the two conferences to merge but retain their individual names and administrative structures but have an executive director who oversees both operations.

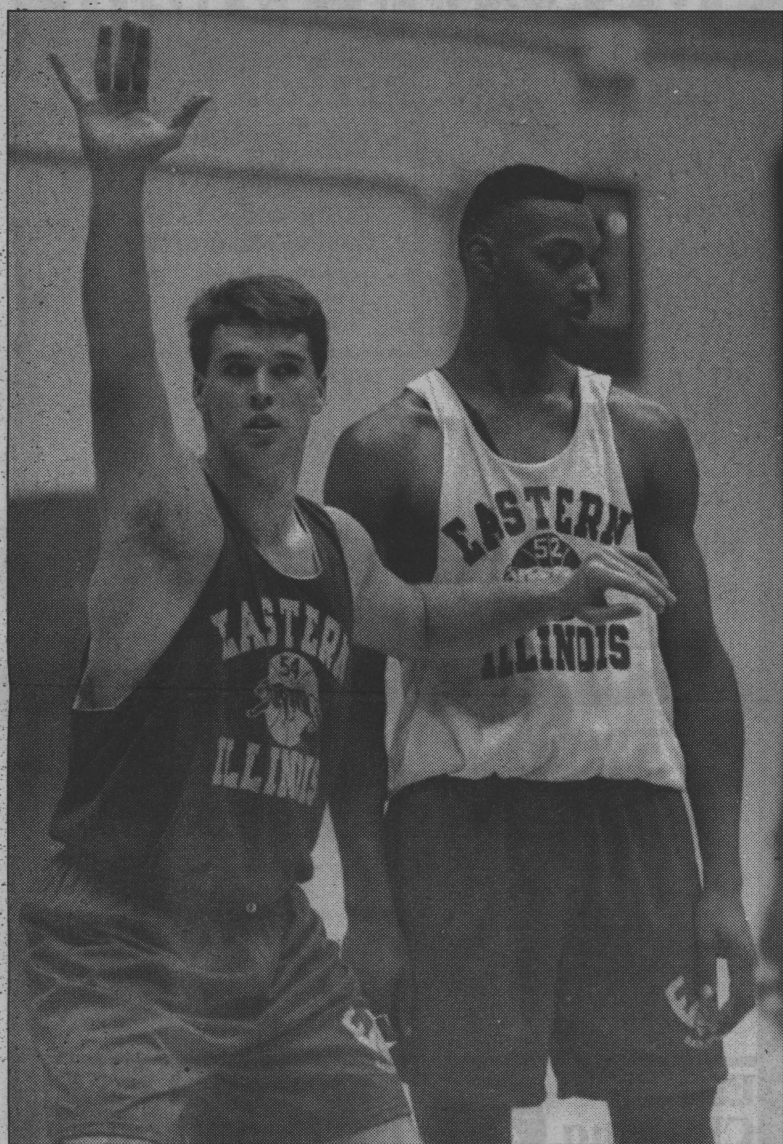
"The bottom line really would involve a trade of members," Ryan said.

Under the proposal the Midwestern Collegiate would become an "Eastern division" and the Mid-Continent Conference a "Western division." Three Mid-Con teams would move to the Midwestern Collegiate while the Mid-Con would receive one new team.

The proposed Midwestern Collegiate Conference would include Mid-Con members Wright State, Cleveland State and Youngstown State in addition to current members Butler, Detroit-Mercy, LaSalle and Xavier.

The new Mid-Con would consist of Eastern, Western Illinois, Wisconsin-Green Bay, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Northern Illinois, Valparaiso, Illinois-Chicago and current Midwestern Collegiate member Loyola at Chicago.

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ANDREW VERCOUTEREN/Senior photographer  
Panther senior center Curtis Leib works on denying the inside pass to junior Andre Rodriguez during practice Wednesday afternoon at Lantz Gym.

## Senior center hopes hard work pays off

By RANDY LISS  
Staff writer

A popular equation in athletics is that success equals hard work plus determination. Ask Panther senior center Curtis Leib to describe himself, and those two variables easily come to mind.

"I'm the guy on the floor all the time doing the dirty work that everybody else doesn't want to do," said Leib.

Leib's "lunchbucket" style of play has been a constant for the Eastern men's basketball team for the past four seasons. Banging under the boards and diving for loose balls are his specialties, and they are qualities that have earned the respect of Panther head coach Rick Samuels.

"He works hard to get the most out of his ability," said Samuels. "He can't block shots, so he takes charges. Not a lot of players are willing to do that."

Leib came to Eastern as a freshman in 1990 and impressed Samuels enough to see action in all 28 games that year, averaging 4.7 points per game.

A year later, during the Panthers' 1991-92 Mid-Continent Conference championship run, Leib became the team's starting center, averaging 8.8 ppg and 4.2 rebounds while shooting a team leading 56-percent from the floor.

Leib earned a great deal of playing time two years ago and also learned some valuable lesson that can be applied to this year's Panther team.

"We have to come out every game and we've got to work hard,"

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## Western looks to rebuild after losing nine players

Editor's note: This is the sixth part in a nine-part series previewing the Eastern men's basketball team's Mid-Continent Conference opponents.

By JOHN FERAK  
Staff editor

The theme of the Western Illinois men's basketball team is "Building from the floor up."

With that theme in mind, it's only appropriate that Leatherneck coach Jim Kerwin starts his rebuilding by pouring the basement's foundation, since the basement is where Western is predicted to finish in Mid-Continent action with only two returning starters from last year's 7-20 team.

Lost to graduation are Western's two leading scorers in 6-6 forward Charles Turner (17.3 points per game) and guard Shane Teargarden (14.9 ppg). Guards Lamont Bunton, Paul Lee and Desman Holt all transferred, three other players will forgo the season and senior center Ted Logan is academically ineligible.

This year Kerwin is banking on a strong recruiting class that includes six junior college transfers and four freshmen to

| Players to watch |     |      |
|------------------|-----|------|
| Player           | Yr. | Pos. |
| Chris Boller     | Sr. | F    |
| Billy Sherrod    | Jr. | C    |
| George Milsap    | So. | F    |
| Kareem Gilbert   | Fr. | G    |
| Steve Jones      | Fr. | C    |

Preseason coaches poll: 10th  
Last year's record: 7-20  
Conference: 4-12 (9th)

help shape Western's future.

Senior forward Chris Boller and sophomore George Milsap are the lone returnees from the 7-20 team. Milsap, was ruled academically ineligible last year.

"We think Chris will have to carry a big load this year," Kerwin said of Boller, a 6-7 small forward who averaged 7.9 ppg. and 3.9 rebounds. "(George) Milsap's been around. He's a 6-6, 230 lb. forward who can score close to the bucket. George gives us strength near the basket."

Besides Milsap and Boller, Kerwin will probably be

spending the next several weeks just trying to learn names of his players. And to make matters worse, some of his newcomers are nursing injuries that could set Western back even further.

Center Billy Sherrod, a 6-10 transfer from Moline, is still recovering from a broken foot he suffered in practice. Kerwin said Sherrod probably won't see action until January.

Kerwin is hoping his transfers will rise to the occasion and fill some of the starting vacancies still available.

Transfers Kevin Rhodes and Andre Humphrey both have long-range shooting ability and will be fighting for the two-guard position. Orlando Patrick, a 6-7 junior from Oak Park, will see action at the small forward position.

"I'm looking for a couple guys to step up and show some leadership," Kerwin said. "We'll be playing 12-13 guys in our preseason games and other early season games. We'll just run 'em in-and-out until we see who can play."

Western Illinois hosts Eastern on Jan. 22 and will travel to Lantz Gym to play the Panthers Feb. 26.

## Spoo ends QB controversy

By DON O'BRIEN  
Staff writer

Eastern football coach Bob Spoo put an end to the Panthers' mini quarterback controversy by naming senior Jeff Thorne as the starter for Saturday's final game at Southern Illinois.

"Jeff will start without a doubt," said Spoo, whose

Panthers head into their final Gateway game of the season with a 1-3-1 conference mark and a 2-7-1 overall record. "He wants to cap off what has been an outstanding career with a win."

Thorne, who has been Eastern's starter the past four years, was taken out of the Panthers' loss last Saturday at Western

Kentucky midway through the third quarter and never returned. Up to the point of being pulled, Thorne had been intercepted twice, sacked three times and fumbled the ball away once.

Sophomore Pete Mauch came in and guided the Panthers to one score in the quarter and a half he was in

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## Injuries hampering Salukis

By ROBERT MANKER  
Associate sports editor

Southern Illinois-Carbondale football coach Bob Smith says he's never been associated with anything like what the Salukis have experienced this season.

"We're frustrated," Smith said of his team, 2-8 overall and 1-4 in the Gateway Conference. "I've never been through a year like this where we've had at least

two kids injured each week who we expected to be a big difference in the games for us."

Quarterback Matt Jones will be among those out this week when Eastern travels to Carbondale for the final game of the season. The Panthers will visit McAndrew Stadium Saturday for a 12:30 p.m. kickoff.

Southern opened its season with a 46-14 win at home Sept. 11 over Wash-

burn. One week later, the Salukis lost 49-28 at Toledo. Smith said that was when the injuries began to deplete his troops.

"We had nine starters out after the Toledo game who were either not at full speed or were out entirely," Smith said.

Senior wide receiver LaVance Banks, senior defensive end Joe Hay,

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